

## REMARKS

Claims 1-37 and 51-52 were pending in the application.

Claims 1-37 and 51-52 are rejected.

Claims 1, 51 and 52 have been amended.

All amendments are made in a good faith effort to advance the prosecution on the merits. Applicant reserves the right to subsequently take up prosecution on the claims as originally filed in this or appropriate continuation, continuation-in-part and/or divisional applications.

Applicant respectfully requests that the amendments submitted herein be entered, and further requests reconsideration in light of the amendments and remarks contained herein.

### SUMMARY

In light of the above amendments and remarks, reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding objections and rejections are respectfully requested. It is further submitted that the application is now in condition for allowance and early notice of the same is earnestly solicited. Should the examiner have any questions, comments or suggestions in furtherance of the prosecution of this application, the examiner is invited to contact the attorney of record by telephone, facsimile or electronic mail, as below.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-0383 of BAKER BOTTS L.L.P.

Respectfully submitted,  
BAKER BOTTS L.L.P.

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